

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, August 15, 2006

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez

Kurt Schatz, Chair Alan Gerew

Alice Lavigne Vice Chair Al Low

Al Low

David Marcotte

Guest: Burrillville Men's Softball League President Shane Mansolf

Absent: Al Musso

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairperson, at the Spring Lake Beach Facility.

No minutes recorded at July 10, 2006 meeting.

Minutes of June 12, 2006 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Good and Welfare:

The Director reported that the last concert scheduled on Thursday, 10th was postponed due to the weather to August 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Spring Lake

The beach is winding down for the season. The weather has been up and down this summer.

Duck Race

Two hundred eighty two ducks were sold this year at the annual Adopt-A-Duck Race. Attendance wasn't as high at the race this year but more tickets were sold with Recreation Commission member Alice Lavigne being commended for selling 70 tickets herself.

Blackstone Canoe Trail

The canoe was placed on display at the Spring Lake Beach Facility. A picture of the canoe will be submitted to be placed on the website. After the summer season, the canoe will be relocated to be displayed at the Burrillville Town Hall, since the Blackstone Canoe Trail program runs until the end of October 2006. It was a great job by all except one problem, the misspelling of the word "Bicentennial" by the Burrillville High School Technology Department who designed the

artwork.

92 North Main Street Building

The office is coming along with the downstairs to be completed this fall. Alice Lavigne stated that Recreation Commission member Juliette Lopez went above and beyond with the assistance given for the renovations of the new office. The office furniture and radiator covers have been received. An Open House will be held once the downstairs conference area is complete.

Signs

The Spring Lake Campground and Recreation Center signs are complete awaiting installation by the Department of Public Works.

Field Use Fees

The Director distributed information regarding Field Use Fees that was collected in a survey for the commission to take home and review.

Track Resurfacing

The track resurfacing bid process is underway.

Road Race

The road race is coming up with the information reviewed at the July Recreation Commission Meeting.

Callahan Playground

A letter was received from Champlin Foundation denying the request for funding of the Callahan Playground. The reason given was that they do not fund school playgrounds, even though the daycare utilizes the school building.

New Business:

Hauser Field

The Director introduced Burrillville Men's Softball League President Shane Mansolf to the Recreation Commission. Meetings have been held between the Director and Shane regarding the Men's Softball League over the last few weeks regarding alcohol at the field and balls going over the fence at Hauser Field. Complaints have been received from the Hauser Field Complex neighbors. A resolution has been reached for this year with different balls being used but the problems need to be addressed for next year. The Director met with Ted Garille of the Pascoag Utility District. There are extensions to give an additional 3 feet to 3 ½ feet of netting to assist with the balls going into the neighbors yards but it is costly.

David Marcotte stated that 3 ½ feet wouldn't be enough. David spoke with his brother regarding 21 lengths of pipe, which would be longer than 3 ½ feet, that could be purchased at cost. But, he doesn't have the equipment to have it installed onto the existing poles with the approval from the Pascoag Utility District. This could provide an extension of up to 15 feet. David stated the field abutting Smith Farm is shorter than the field being utilized now. Dave recommended that it should be a priority for additional fields being sought for a Men's Softball Complex with larger fields, since there are approximately 100 men participating in the league currently.

The Director stated that a possible location might be behind the Burrillville Police Department. David stated that the old golf course area on Wallum Lake Road should also be considered for an open space project. The Conservation Commission had also looked into this open space area. The Director stated she would check into these open space prospects.

The Men's League has been requested to strengthen and enforce the homerun rules to assist in keeping the balls from going over the netting and the no alcohol allowed rule. The Town Manager has also been contacted regarding a possible fine being implemented for the drinking of alcohol on the field. Shane was also notified that the recreation commission is looking into the possible implementation of field use fees. Complaints have also been received regarding the

infield soil condition and the diamonds to be cut larger.

League Budgets

Nothing to report.

With the assistance of Alice Lavigne, the Recreation Commission gave hanging plants for the new offices at 92 North Main Street, Pascoag.

The Director distributed to each Recreation Commission member a Spring Lake Beach towel.

Former Recreation Commission member Nicki Decubellis-Brown wanted to say hello to the members.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by David Marcotte. Seconded by Alan Gerew. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion Passed 5-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2006 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

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